

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 570

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud the Tennessee Technological University football team on capturing the Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful college teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Watson Brown, the Tennessee Technological University (Tennessee Tech) football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2011 season, winning its first Ohio Valley Conference Championship since 1975 and its tenth Conference Championship overall; and

WHEREAS, after overcoming several early mistakes, the Tennessee Tech football team dominated Austin Peay State University 49-7, displaying their Herculean nature along the way, and propelling themselves to their first trip to the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs as the Ohio Valley Conference's automatic qualifier; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles' memorable win was highlighted by the outstanding performance of junior quarterback Tre Lamb, who threw for 112 yards on seven of eleven passing, in addition to rushing for fifty-two yards; this prodigy masterfully rushed for three touchdown scores and threw for another one; and

WHEREAS, the leadership and passion for the game of Head Coach Watson Brown is without peer; Coach Brown's precepts of playing tenacious defense, controlling the ball on offense, and limiting mistakes, were perfectly on display during the Golden's Eagles' run for the Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, during this incredible championship season, the members of the 2011 Tennessee Tech football team etched their names onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their success in future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this Body joins the administration, faculty, students, and alumni of Tennessee Technological University in congratulating the Golden Eagles' football coaches and players on their 2011 Ohio Valley Conference Championship, and wish them every future success, both on and off the gridiron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.